

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2175 - HB 2843

March 6, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *Equitable Health Outcomes Act*, which creates the Health Outcomes Review Board (Board) within the Department of Health (DOH). Requires the Board to annually review and report data on health outcomes in Tennessee and facilitate adoption of solutions to improve health outcomes. States that the Board will be composed of between 15 and 19 members: 5 state agency representatives, 2 professional association representatives, 2 nonprofit entity representatives, 3 representatives from each grand division in the state, and 3 to 7 healthcare providers who are residents of Tennessee. Allows the Board to access de-identified data set collected by DOH. Creates a Class C misdemeanor for any board member who knowingly violates the confidentiality agreement regarding personally identifying information that is inadvertently disclosed in the data collected by DOH. Requires the Board to publish on DOH's website an annual report that includes recommendations on addressing inequitable health outcomes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$240,700/FY22-23
\$230,700/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- It is assumed there will be no legislative members serving on the Board.
- Pursuant to the proposed legislation, the Board will meet a minimum of 4 times per year.
- Under the provision of this legislation, all taskforce members will serve without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel expenses. State agency representatives do not qualify for travel reimbursement since it is considered a part of their employment duties. However, the remaining 14 members will be reimbursed at a rate of \$129.25 per roundtrip. Since the Board meets at least 4 times per year, this will lead to an increase in state expenditures of \$7,238 ($\$129.25 \times 14 \times 4$) in FY22-23 and subsequent years.
- It is assumed that there will be no significant increase in Class C misdemeanors resulting from this legislation.
- In order to effectively implement the proposed legislation, DOH will require the following new positions:
 - One Epidemiologist 2, which will create a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$111,693 (\$89,844 salary + \$21,849 benefits) and \$7,900 for

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administrative cost allocation. There will also be a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$5,00 for computer equipment.

- One Public Health Program Director 3, which will create a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$95,923 (\$76,320 salary + \$19,603 benefits) and \$7,900 for administrative cost allocation. There will also be a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$5,000 for computer equipment.
- Publication of the reports on the DOH website can be accomplished utilizing existing staff and resources.
- The total increase in state expenditures will be \$240,654 (\$7,238 + \$111,693 + \$7,900 + \$5,000 + \$95,923 + \$7,900 + \$5,000) in FY22-23 and \$230,654 (\$7,238 + \$111,693 + \$7,900 + \$95,923 + \$7,900) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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